DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

Demand IV—Forest.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Sir I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,957 under Demand IV—Forest.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member, when was the copy of the supplementary grant furnished to the members of this House?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I am informed that notices were sent out on Saturday last.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Sir, I wish to explain at the outset that this is not a demand for a new grant. The amount asked for was sanctioned by this House under Demand 'Agricultural Department' last year. This amount is for expenditure on account of the salary of the Bee Expert and his staff since transferred to the Forest Department. But under the account rules, this sum of money for meeting the contingency, salary and other expenditures in connection with this could not be transferred from the Agricultural to the Forest Department. It is therefore that this supplementary demand for grant is brought forward now. I request that the House will allow this grant.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether there was not an allotment in the Agricultural Department last year?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Yes, the amount was not spent, but it was surrendered to Government.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ ബീ എക്സ്പെർട്ടന്മാരെ ഫാറസ്റ്റ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേക്കു മാറിയതിൻറെ ആവശ്യമെന്താണ്?

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: What was the hurry in making this transfer during the middle of one year?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: The Bee Expert and his staff were not getting proper attention from the Director of Agriculture. Therefore it was considered that the staff should be transferred to the Forest Department.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ ബീ എക്സ്പെർട്ടിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ട് എത്ര കൊല്ലമായി എന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: ൨൦ വർഷമായി.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ ബീ എക്സ്പെർട്ടിനെ നിയമിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻറെ ശമ്പളത്തിനു തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള പ്രയോജനം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു ധൈര്യമായി പറയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: അതിനനുസരിച്ചുള്ള പ്രയോജനം ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം.

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MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know where the Bee Expert was expected to work when he was appointed?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Even now he has got some work at Trivandrum in addition to his work in the Forest. But it was found that he had more work in the Forest than at Trivandrum.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the Bee Expert has been to Australia?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Was he not originally in the Industries Department?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ആസ്ട്രേലിയായിൽ നിന്നൊ മറൊ കുറെ തേനീച്ചകളെ കൊണ്ടുവന്ന് പരീക്ഷണാത്മമായിട്ടെങ്കിലും അവയിൽനിന്നും തേൻ എടുക്കാൻ ശ്രമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: The present work of the Bee Expert is not concerned with the Australian bees.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: എല്ലാമാതിരി തേനീച്ചയാണ് ഇവിടെ വളർത്തിവരുന്നത്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: Local bees.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: വിദേശത്തുനിന്നുംകൊണ്ടു വന്നിട്ടുള്ള തേനീച്ചകളിൽ നിന്നും തേൻ എടുക്കാൻ വിഷമമാണെന്നാണൊ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള തേനീച്ചകളെ വളർത്തി തേൻ എടുക്കുന്നകാര്യം അല്പം വിഷമമാണ്.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഇതുവരെ ആ Expert അവിടെ എന്തുചെയ്യുകയായിരുന്നു?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: I am afraid I can't say what he has been doing in the Agricultural Department for the last twenty years.

MR PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ ബീ എക്സ്പെർട്ട് എത്ര രത്തോളം തേൻ ശേഖരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമൊ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: ഇപ്പോഴെ അതു് അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order, order. Honourable members will remember that the mover has already stated that it is only to satisfy particular procedure that this motion is made. Strictly speaking this is not a motion for a supplementary grant. So honourable members should not embark on a discussion of matters underlying the appointment of the Bee Expert.

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MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU :ഏതെങ്കിലും ചോദ്യം ചോദിച്ചാൽ അതിനുള്ള മറുപടി ആ മെമ്പർതന്നെ പറയുന്നതാണ് പതിവ്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : This question, strictly speaking, does not arise for discussion.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether there is any difficulty in continuing the present arrangement for at least three months more ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : There is serious difficulty, because he will not be directly under the control of the Forest Department if the present arrangement continues.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know whether it is not possible to keep him under the control of the Agricultural Department instead of sending him to the Forest Department, so that he may be useful to the general public?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : As I have explained before, he is in the Forest as well as at Trivandrum ; so he is useful to the general public also.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : When was the question of transferring him to the Forest Department decided upon by Government ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : In 1116.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member why sufficient provision had not been made in the current year's budget ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : Provision was made in the Agricultural Section and not in the Forest Section.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member why sufficient provision was not made in the budget for the Forest Department.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : It was only found afterwards that it must be strictly speaking under the Forest Department. So the funds have now to be transferred.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : It is admitted on behalf of the Government by the Conservator that the question was decided in 1116. In that case, may I know from the honourable member, why the Government did not make sufficient provision in the current year's budget for the Forest Department.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : The decision was made after the budget proposals were sent to Government.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : ഈ ബീ എക്സ്പെർട്ടന്മാർ വരുന്നതിനുമുൻപ് കാണിക്കാർ തേൻ എടുക്കുന്ന പതിവ് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു മെമ്പറിനു അറിയാമൊ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : കാണിക്കാർ ഇപ്പോഴും തേൻ എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

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MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : പ്രതിമാസം എട്ടോ പത്തോ രൂപ കൊടുത്തു ചെയ്യിക്കാവുന്ന ജോലി ഈ വലിയ ശമ്പളം കൊടുത്തു ഒരു എക്സ്പെർട്ടിനെകൊണ്ട് ചെയ്യിക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : കാണിക്കാർ എടുക്കുന്നതായ തേൻ അത്ര ശുദ്ധമായിരിക്കയില്ല.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI : മലവേടന്മാർ അസ്സൽ എയ്ഞ്ചൽ വഴിയാണ് തേൻ എടുക്കുന്നതെന്നു മെംബറിനറിയാമൊ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : അറിയാം. എന്നാൽ അതിൽനിന്നും അധികം തേൻ എടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഈ മറുപടി പറയുന്ന മെംബറിന് തേനീച്ചയെക്കുറിച്ചു വല്ലതും അറിയാമൊ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : They are all irrelevant and need not be answered.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the member the date of the Government Order?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : I have not got the information now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know, in that case, why such a supplementary grant was not moved during the session which immediately followed the budget session, if the question was decided in 1116?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : The accounting difficulty in the matter of the transfer of the funds of one department to another department was found out only later on.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the Officer who was responsible for creating that difficulty.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR : I do not think any officer created the difficulty?

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : I rise to a point of order that this motion is not in order. As admitted by the honourable member, this is not in the nature of a supplementary grant. That being the case, it cannot be included in the list of supplementary grants.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Order, order. So far as the grant for the Forest Department is concerned, this is the supplementary grant and it is therefore prefectly in order.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഈ സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറിനെ ഞാൻ ശക്തിയായി എതിർക്കുന്നു. ഈ ബി എക്സ്പെർട്ട് കാര്യമായി യാതൊന്നും ഇതുവരെ ചെയ്തതായി അറിയുന്നില്ല. ഈ എക്സ്പെർട്ടിന്റെ ഉപദേശപ്രകാരം ഇവിടെ വളർത്തുന്ന തേനീച്ചകളെല്ലാം ഒന്നുകിൽ കൂട്ടത്തോടെ അതിലെ റാണിയുമൊരുമിച്ചു പറന്നുപോകുന്നതായിട്ടോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ചത്തു കൂട് ഒഴിയുന്നതായിട്ടൊ ആണ് കണ്ടുവരുന്നത്.

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ഒരുകാലത്തു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു അബദ്ധംപറ്റി എങ്ങനെയോ ഈ മനുഷ്യനെ നിയമിച്ചുപോയതാണു്. ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവരെ ശമ്പളംകൊടുത്തു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ വയ്ക്കുന്നതുതന്നെ ഒരു അനാവശ്യച്ചെലവാണെന്നാണു എനിക്കു പറയാനുള്ളതു്. ആസ്ത്രേലിയാ, ഇറാലി മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും തേനീച്ചകളെ ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു് ഗ്രീക്സ് പെരിമെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്നോക്കാനായി ൧൦൦൦ രൂപയും മറ്റും ശമ്പളംകൊടുത്തു ഒരാളെ നിയമിച്ചതുതന്നെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു കുണ്ടുതോറും ഒരു നഷ്ടം ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന സംഗതിയാണു്. നേരെമറിച്ചു് തേൻ എടുക്കാൻ പരിചയമുള്ള നാട്ടുകാരനായ ഒരാളെ ൧൫൦ രൂപക്കു നിയമിച്ചാൽ ഇതിലും ഭംഗിയായി കാര്യങ്ങൾ നടക്കുന്നതാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് എൻെറ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൽ ഈ എക്സ്പെർട്ടിനെ, മുഴുവൻ ശമ്പളവുംകൊടുത്തു വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ, പകുതി ശമ്പളംകൊടുത്തു പെൻഷൻകൊടുത്തു പിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതായിരിയ്ക്കും ഉത്തമം. അങ്ങിനെയായാൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഒരു ലാഭവുമുണ്ടാകും. ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഈ ആളെകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഉപദ്രവം ഒഴിയുകയുംചെയ്യും. ഈ എക്സ്പെർട്ടിനെകൊണ്ടു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനോ ജനങ്ങൾക്കോ യാതൊരു ലാഭമോ ഗുണമൊരുള്ളതായി ഇതേവരെ അറിവില്ല. തേൻ എടുക്കുന്ന തേനീച്ചയെ വേണ്ടവിധം വളർത്തുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗത്തെപ്പറ്റി അദ്ദേഹത്തോടുകൂടി ചോദിച്ചാൽ അദ്ദേഹം പുസ്തകത്തിൽ പഠിച്ച സംഗതികൾമാത്രം നമ്മോടു പറഞ്ഞുതരുമെന്നല്ലാതെ അതു് പ്രായോഗികരീതിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരാൻ ഈ മനുഷ്യനു സാമർത്ഥ്യമുണ്ടോ എന്നും സംശയിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഈ ആളെ കൃഷിഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ഫാറസ്റ്റ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേയ്ക്കു മാറുന്നതു ഗുണത്തേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ ദോഷകരമായിരിയ്ക്കും. കാട്ടിലുള്ള വൻതേൻപോലും നമുക്കു കിട്ടാതേയാകും. വളർത്തുന്ന തേനീച്ചകൾക്കു് എട്ടു,പത്തു തേൻമടികൾ ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ജാതിയിൽപ്പെട്ടതാണു്. കാടുകളിൽ വളരുന്ന തേനീച്ചകൾ ഒരു തേൻമടിമാത്രംഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നവയും അതുതന്നെ വളരെ പൊക്കമുള്ള വൃക്ഷങ്ങളുടെ തേൻമടിയുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന വൻതേൻജാതിയിൽപ്പെട്ടതാണു്. ആ ജാതിഇണങ്ങുന്ന വർഗ്ഗവും അല്പം നാം സാധാരണ വളർത്തുന്ന തേനീച്ചകൾ അതിൻെറ കൂടിൻെറ മുകളീലത്തെതട്ടിൽ മുട്ടയിടാതെ തേൻമാത്രം സൂക്ഷിയ്ക്കുന്ന തേൻമടികൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിവരുന്നു. കാട്ടിലെ വൻതരം ഈച്ചകൾ ഒരൊറ്റമടിതേൻമാത്രം ഉണ്ടാക്കുകയും അതിൽതന്നെ മുട്ടയിടുകയും തേൻസൂക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതിനാൽ എക്സ്ട്രാക്ടുകൊണ്ടു് തേൻ എടുക്കുക അത്രസാധ്യമല്ലെന്നുള്ളതു തേനീച്ചവിദഗ്ദ്ധൻെറ പരീക്ഷണം കൂടാതെ സാമാന്യബുദ്ധിയുള്ളവർക്കു അറിയാൻ

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[Mr. K. P. Kochukora Tharakan.]

പ്രയാസമില്ല. തേനിച്ചവളർത്തൽ കൂടിൽ വ്യവസായമായി പ്രചരിപ്പിയ്ക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ശ്രമം വേണ്ടവിധം സഫലമായില്ലെന്നു കണ്ടപ്പോൾ ഈ വിദഗ്ദ്ധനെ കാട്ടുകള്ളിലേയ്ക്കു അയച്ചിരിയ്ക്കുകയാണ്. അതു അശേഷം വിജയകരമാവുകയില്ലെന്നു എനിയ്ക്കു തീർത്തുപറയാൻ കഴിയും. ഈ വിധത്തിലുള്ള അനാവശ്യച്ചെലവുകൾ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കരുതെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷയോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഗ്രാൻറിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: The Conservator of Forests said that after all, what is contemplated in the demand is a transfer of funds from one department to another. Under the rules, if a sum allotted to a particular department is not spent by that department, the grant lapses. That being the case, this is a fresh demand. It must stand on its own merits. The argument that it is only a simple transfer, cannot hold. I oppose the demand for certain reasons which I propose to state before the House.

When I see my friend Mr. Ramakrishna Pillai just near me, I cannot forget that in the past, the old Legislative Council discussed this question. I do not wish to expatiate on it, but I may say, Sir, that I had the privilege of stating certain things and today I stand fortified that my conviction has been correct. I had the privilege to say that some of these experts attached to various departments, whether high-paid or low-paid, were people who professed to know things but who really did not know them and draw salaries for not knowing anything at all. I said then that these experts were like elephants, horses, camels and other paraphernalia which Madhathipathies take with them in their tours more for demonstration than for utility. I am glad, Sir that, though I had been out of this House for some time, what I said about twenty years ago is literally true, true to the letter, when I am talking again on the subject in the year 1942. There was a craze twenty years ago with regard to experts. There was the Bee Expert the Jaggery Expert, the Screwpine Expert, the Pencil Expert; and the whole State was full of experts, which did precious little. Instead of answering me fair and square, the heads of departments simply said that in Orissa certain things were done, that in Ceylon certain other things were done. They drew attention to many irrelevant topics. But I did not get the benefit of any definite answer to any of my questions regarding facts which I pressed them to furnish.

I am now saying a few things so that the Government and the Conservator of Forests may take note of them. If they are prepared to conserve our moneys as Mr. Venkiteswara Aiyar is conserving the forests, and if an undertaking is given that the best will be done, then this House will have to consider the changed aspect. Let me, Sir, place before the House some aspects of the case.

What have these experts been doing? They have been doing nothing. Most of them have been drawing their pay and writing up narratives for the administration reports. And very often we find that

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in the administration reports for a number of years, the page number is the same, the expressions frequently the same, but the figures alone sometimes changed. That is all. So these methods have been going on for many years. I am reading an extract from a very authoritative publication, a publication issued by Government, a publication which has stood the scrutiny of all the heads of departments and the efficient Secretariat. I am sure nobody will gainsay that what I say is true. I am reading from the Administration Report of Travancore for the year 1115, page 105. It is said there:—

> "The Bee Expert regularly inspected all the bee hives kept within the limits of the city of Trivandrum and gave the necessary advice to their owners. It is proposed to take a census of the apiaries in the State along with the general census of 1941 which will yield interesting and valuable information."

This passage is worth its weight in gold so far as my present argument is concerned. I have absolutely nothing against the person of the Bee Expert. He may be good; he may be indifferent; he may be doing his work under certain limitations. When for years together he has been receiving his pay without getting anything done, when the Administration Report says that he has been unsuccessful, it does not look legitimate for the Government member to come to the House and ask for a grant. That is doing scant justice to our intelligence. Now let us examine the merits of the case.

What is the meaning, Sir, of one bee expert for all the bee hives in the forests where there are giant trees soaring high into the air and where one hive is probably more than five or ten miles from another? He must be a very ubiquitous man indeed who will be able to see the whole forest at one stretch as it were by the use of a magician's contrivance. Are we to take this grant seriously? What is the Bee Expert to do? This is all wrong. We have been listening to these arguments and we have been hoping against hope that some day, some good will be done. Therefore, Sir, while it adds to the prestige of the Government to have a Bee Expert like those in other States and in other countries—we have one who has gone to Australia and to New Zealand—the money spent would serve little purpose.

With regard to this bee-keeping, there has not been much benefit, because I know the Department of Agriculture from the time of its inception, and when, in spite of the fact that the Department of Agriculture has been under very energetic officers, the Bee Expert has not been able to do any reasonable quality or quantity of work. I submit, Sir, that this House has very carefully to consider whether the present supplementary grant can be made. I am however prepared to be generous and give one more chance. If the Conservator of Forests, shaking off all old memories and forgetting all mistakes which have been committed, is prepared to give us a definite promise on the floor of this House and if the Government is prepared to assure us that we will get the return for the money.....

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MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഏതുതരത്തിലുള്ള promise കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ് പറയുന്നത്.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: Promise തരേണ്ടത് അദ്ദേഹമാണ്. അത് ഏതു തരത്തിലുള്ളതാണെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹമാണ നിശ്ചയിക്കേണ്ടത്. ഞാനാണ് അപ്രകാരം assurance കൊടുക്കുന്നതെങ്കിൽ അത് ഏതുതരത്തിലുള്ളതാണെന്ന ഞാൻ പറയുമായിരുന്നു.

"I feel, Sir, that this is the thin end of the wedge. When an expert like this is allowed to have jurisdiction over the whole State, the next thing will be to have another kind of licence fee which the poor fellows who are collecting honey will have to pay. Something was said by the Conservator as regards the greater purity and the better quality of honey which will be collected under the auspices of the newfledged expert. I dont see much force in that argument. The kind of honey that they have been getting has never caused any trouble so far. However we are prepared to give a chance to Mr. Venkiteswara Aiyar. Let him come forward and say that the best will be done.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: May I just add a few words to what my friend the Conservator has stated. Obviously, Sir, there seems to be some slight misunderstanding on the part of the honourable members of this House who have spoken against this motion. The Government put forward a demand for the continuance of the Bee Expert last year, that is, at the last Budget Session. This House was fully convinced of the need for the services of a Bee Expert and this budget allotment was duly sanctioned for the Bee Expert for the current year 1117. With the greatest respect may I point out that it would be somewhat beside the point this morning to discuss the question as to whether a Bee Expert is necessary at all for this department of State?

Secondly, Sir, the only motion now before the House is this. It involves a principle, no doubt, which it was thought expedient to place before the House. The Bee Expert was carrying on his work under the Director of Agriculture. The amount was budgetted for under the Department of Agriculture. From the point of view of efficient work it was thought desirable that the services of the Bee Expert were utilised in the Forest Department in preference to the Agricultural Department and that instead of the Bee Expert working directly under the control of the Director of Agriculture, his services might be placed under the Conservator of Forests. There is not one pie of additional expenditure which is now sought to be incurred on account of the Bee Expert. There is only a transfer of accounts from one Department to another. This is to meet the technical objection which the Accounts Department might put forward and has put forward, namely, that the amount under the Forest Department which has not been voted for has to be disbursed to the Bee Expert under the Forest Department. Therefore this is merely a matter of accounting and involves only the transfer of funds from one item to another.

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SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether, simply because a grant was sanctioned for the Agricultural Department, any member of this House is estopped from questioning the necessity when another grant is demanded ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : I have only to remind the honourable member that there is no new demand in the sense that the Bee Expert is being appointed for the first time. It is no initial grant.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഈ ബീ എക്സപെർട്ടിനെ കൃഷി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും മാറിയതു് കൃഷിഡയറക്ടരുടെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമാണൊ, അതൊ, ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരമൊ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : That is exactly what I was going to say. The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Forests in consultation with each other submitted to Government the need for this transfer of work and therefore Government accepted it. Honourable members of the House will be at liberty to discuss the need for a Bee Expert when next time the budget is presented before the House. My only point is that this is not a new demand on account of the Bee Expert that the Government have now put forward. The only question before the House is whether he should work under one Department or the other. Therefore I ask the permission of the House for this supplementary grant which is purely of a technical character.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ അഗ്രിക്കൾച്ചറൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനെപ്പറ്റി-ഡിസ്കസ ചെയ്യാനുള്ള സമയം കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : When the grant is sanctioned by the House, it means that every item including the very last pie of the budget has been sanctioned by the House and Government will not be justified in incurring expenditure except for that sanction.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED : ഈ ബീ എക്സപെർട്ടിനെ അഗ്രിക്കൾച്ചർ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്നു ഫാറസ്റ്റ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേക്കയച്ചാൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തെക്കൊണ്ടു ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന പ്രയോജനം കുറഞ്ഞു പോകയില്ലയൊ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : കൂടുതലായി പ്രയോജനപ്പെടുമെന്നാണ് ആ രണ്ടു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരും അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടതു്.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI : Could it not be done without coming to the House and could it not be justified ?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: We could easily have done it. But, as a matter of fact, to satisfy technicalities we thought of bringing it before the House. Otherwise, the Account Officer might simply have transferred it from one Budget Head to another.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the office of the Leather Expert has been abolished and whether the Leather Expert has been appointed as the District Registrar?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question is absolutely irrelevant and need not be answered.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Is it not possible to keep the Bee Expert under the Agricultural Department and avoid this grant?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: As a matter of fact, there is no new grant before this honourable House. That is what I have been striving to impress on the House. Except in a technical sense there is no new grant before the House.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ ബീ എക്സപെർട്ടിനെ കൊടുക്കുന്ന ശമ്പളത്തിനു തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ള പ്രയോജനം ഈ നാട്ടിലുണ്ടാകുമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: അതുകൊണ്ടാണല്ലോ അതു ബഡ്ജറിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the Bee Expert himself was consulted with regard to the transfer?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: He is only a subordinate of the Head of the Department who must necessarily have consulted him also.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: By way of personal explanation I wish to say this. Evidently my argument seems to have been misunderstood. What I said was that in the consideration of this grant the old grant has no existence.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: But the man is there.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: The point is that here is a new grant.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: This is not a personal explanation and the honourable member is not entitled to embark upon a new explanation. He must be satisfied with what he has already said.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITESWARA AIYAR: May I offer a word of explanation? First of all, this technicality could be got over by retaining the Expert under the Agricultural Department and continuing the inefficient control that could be exercised by the Director of Agriculture, when the Expert is working under the Conservator of Forests. We can still do it if the House refuses the Grant. But we want the change for more efficient management. No extra expenditure is involved and this is not a new grant.

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Again the Bee Expert is not working throughout the whole State of Travancore. His activities have been confined to one range and he has to teach the forest staff the extraction of pure honey and its gradation and marketing with a view to economy. That is the object of this transfer. This will only be for a temporary period, until the work is properly organised and the Forest Department learns how to extract pure honey and to grade it and put it in the market in the proper way. That is why the Bee Expert has been transferred to the Forest Department.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: സർ, ഈ ഗ്രാൻറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഞാനുള്ള മായും പ്രതിപ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. പല വിമർശനങ്ങളും ...

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is the honourable member making a speech?

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: I am supporting the grant.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The discussion is now over and I shall put the motion to the vote of the House.

The question was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND X—CLAY REFINING AND PORCELAIN FACTORY.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move that the House be pleased to allow a supplementary grant of Rs. 58,990 under Demand X—Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory.

I desire to place before this honourable House the circumstances under which this supplementary grant has been made. A sum of Rs. 1,34,000 has been granted under Capital Outlay for the year 1117. Of this sum of Rs. 1,34,000, a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 was spent by the P. W. D. for carrying out certain works in the Ceramic Factory. The P. W. D. has asked for an additional sum of Rs. 15,000 for carrying on certain additional works necessitated by the very large orders that have recently been received by the Kundara Factory from the Department of supply as well as from other quarters.

The remaining sum of Rs. 42,000 is required for the manufacture of goods in respect of orders recently received.

I may say in this connection that when the Budget was framed last year, that is in Karkatakam 1116, it was not possible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the extent of the new demand that might be made upon this Factory on account of the war situation. China clay of the best variety is produced in the Kundara factory. India depended very largely on imported clay from outside. On account of the international situation, it became almost impossible for the large number of textile factories and other institutions, where clay was being used, to rely on the outside market. Very large demands were consequently made on the Kundara works; but our capacity of production was limited. It was therefore suggested that to meet the additional requirements, certain additional works should be undertaken in regard to the new washing plant, the new drying chamber, the new furnaces,

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